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The flood of time is setting on,
We stand upon its brink.

—Shelley

THE CALIFORNIA LAND QUESTION AGAIN

Considerable speculation must naturally be aroused as to why the details of the California land affair discussion between Japan and the United States are made public at this time. So far as the people of either country know, there has been no recent development to call for a publication of the correspondence between the two nations through Ambassador Chinda and Secretary of State Bryan.

The conjecture is sure to be heard in some quarters that the Mexican situation has led Japan to an insistence upon some action by the United States to block the operation of the new California law. This conjecture is natural on the part of those who think of Japan as waiting on the other side of the Pacific for some blunder by the United States that will bring on war. To these, the publication of the correspondence called around the world last night means that Japan is pressing the point because the energies of Uncle Sam are largely engaged on the Mexican border.

But this is not the most plausible nor the most reasonable explanation. It is far more likely that the California land question has now reached the point of a diplomatic impasse. Even a casual perusal of the correspondence will show that while the state department emphasizes its inability to interfere with California so long as California violates no treaty provisions, Japan is quite unable to understand that a state can enact legislation affecting and endangering international relations. In a highly centralized government such as that of the Mikado's empire, such provincial legislation would never be attempted, or, if attempted, would quickly be suppressed by orders from headquarters in Tokio. The doctrine of states' rights, the powers of a sovereign commonwealth such as California, are unknown in Japan, and Japan either affects not to believe that California has the right to enact the land legislation in question, or is sincerely unable to understand in this respect the structure of Uncle Sam's government.

Japan's arguments of grievance are, of course, given backing by the mutual pledges of fair and equal treatment between the two countries. Between a literal carrying-out of these pledges there stands the United States immigration law under which Japanese immigrants cannot be naturalized. Thus the California land question gets back to the fundamental question of naturalization for the Orientals now denied that privilege.

So Japan and the United States have reached a place where neither can retract—the one because its intense and sensitive national pride will not permit it to brook anything that appears nationally discriminatory, the other because it cannot but stand by its constitution and the states thereunder guaranteed sovereign powers.

Under these circumstances, the publication of the correspondence would seem to be for the purpose of evoking public discussion and placing the position of the diplomats frankly before the people of their respective countries. Sane and thorough discussion may lead the way to a solution of a tremendous international problem.

One thing is noticeable throughout the correspondence—there is nothing on either side to give the slightest comfort to the jingoists. Japan's notes are courteous in the extreme and insistent first of all on full study and discussion of the difficult subject. There is nothing like an ultimatum, nor the shadow of a threat. To those who picture Japan as a country teeming with war preparations, as a country swarming with soldiers being drilled for an Occidental invasion, as a country building battleships to cross the Pacific on a hostile mission, the calm and careful tone of the correspondence will be disappointing.

There is this to be said, however, that Japan's pride has been touched to the quick and the tone of further negotiations is likely to be a trifle sharper.

The Leahi Home benefit baseball game yesterday was the great success it deserved to be. Incidentally, the more people go to baseball games, sitting in the open air for two hours and allowing their lungs healthy exercise, the less will there be need for institutions like the Leahi Home.

The Hawaii Promotion Committee met at 2:30 this afternoon and will continue tentative plans for its work for the coming year. The new members of the committee have been acquainted

LIQUOR FORCES ANXIOUS

The liquor men on the mainland are beginning to regard with almost desperation the steady advance of prohibition. From California comes the news that an initiative measure to postpone the date of operation of the State-wide prohibition constitutional amendment, should that pass at the November election, has been received in Secretary of State Jordan's office from Santa Cruz county. The initiative provides that if the State-wide prohibition measure, prohibiting the manufacture, sale or giving away of intoxicating liquors, should pass, the operation of it upon the sale of liquor in California should be suspended until February 15, 1915. The original measure provides the act shall go into operation five days after its passage.

Farther particulars are to the effect that the amending petition also provides that the clause prohibiting the manufacture and transportation of intoxicating liquors for delivery outside of California shall be suspended until January 1, 1915.

EUGENIC LAW UPHOLD.

Regardless of personal opinion as to the wisdom of "eugenic legislation," the following Associated Press item is of real importance:

"MADISON (Wis.), June 17.—The Supreme Court today sustained the constitutionality of the eugenic marriage law, reversing the judgment of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court, which declared it invalid. The eugenic marriage law requires male applicants for marriage licenses to undergo blood tests as a condition to granting of a license and was enacted by the last Legislature."

COMPARISON.

For the purpose of comparison:

"A great business revival is impending and will soon break over the country," declared President Wilson yesterday to a delegation of editors from Virginia.

And—

The great wholesale drygoods house of H. B. Chaffin & Co. failed yesterday. Liabilities, \$35,000,000. Assets, \$40,000,000. Failure involves scores of big business houses and banks.

That great business revival had better hurry up!

One navy for the eight leading nations of the world is the aim of a plan drawn up for the world peace foundation to be sent to Secretary of State Bryan and Secretary of the Navy Daniels. The nations include Germany, the United States, Japan, Great Britain, Italy, Austria, France and Russia, which possess naval armaments costing \$4,000,000,000. The plan proposes a joint convention of these nations to reduce their armament which may be used jointly if any one of the nations is attacked.

We note that there has lately been a cessation in the exchange of notes on the California affair between Japan and the United States. The explanation undoubtedly is that Secretary Bryan has been busy preparing his Chautauqua lectures for the summer.

Collector of the Port Stackable of Honolulu, who refuses to resign in response to a request from Secretary McAdoo, is a Republican but his action in this respect shows a strong tendency toward Democracy.—Oakland (Cal.) Tribune.

After those mediators get through with the Mexican question they might move from Niagara Falls out to Hawaii and take up the California alien land-ownership problem.

"There's nothing better than Hawaii," writes Alexander Hume Ford after a tour of the world in search of new ideas for promoting tourist traffic.

Hawaii's delegate should have a vote—of course. He should also have the energy to use it.

That South American river has been found, thus giving the Colonel some more valuable first-page publicity.

Of course that \$35,000,000 failure in New York yesterday was merely psychological.

ing themselves with the status of the court by which Rosalia Soares asks for divorce from Christian Soares on the ground of extreme cruelty. The case will be taken up in its regular order.

Letters OK! TIMELY TOPICS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Honolulu, June 25.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir: There are a lot of things in this world that we do not know, and can only gain a line on by asking questions. I would ask what has become of the vocational training proposition for Hawaii that has on several occasions been worked up to the "near materialization" point and then seemed to fade back to where it came from, if anybody knows where that is.

We all recognize the supreme duty of the educational department of the territory to the development of the elementary schools of the whole territory and particularly the development of the rural schools. In every rural community in the territory an effective school should be established, and to set going in these schools a wholesome, rational course of study which shall touch the lives of the pupils, to supply to these schools a body of competent, earnest teachers, to create, organize which shall be helpful, sympathetic and discriminating, a condition that has not in the full sense existed.

It is clear to the minds of a good many that the problem of better farming, better business and better living cannot be solved on the basis of the education of a few dozen men in colleges. There must be trained not dozens but hundreds of dozens of young people in the fundamental principles of farming, especially in connection with the fruits and other products that can profitably be raised here, and in the co-operation which must be brought about to make tilling of the soil more attractive and more profitable.

This is not to be taken as a blow at the higher branches of education; it simply means that the emphasis should be taken from the colleges and the few who attend them and placed on the sort of training which fits the needs of the many young people who must take up the ordinary vocations of life. I would have this apply with equal pressure to all callings and trades that have to do with the production of the necessities of everyday existence.

Vocational training is in line with

Personal Mention

J. M. ALLEN, representing a syndicate of Swedish newspapers and periodicals, making a tour of the world, is a passenger in the Pacific Mail liner Korea.

DR. LOUIS F. SNOW, who has been delegated by the United States government to conduct research work in the Philippines, is a passenger in the Korea for Manila.

W. B. MILLER, representing the Standard Oil Company at Shanghai and throughout north China, is a passenger in the Pacific Mail liner Korea as far as Nagasaki, Japan.

E. C. TRAVIS, who is interested in the refining of oils from copra, is a passenger in the Korea for the Philippines where he will act as superintendent in the erection of a plant.

MISS M. L. PALACHE, daughter of an officer in the Pacific Mail service, will visit the islands until the departure of the liner Mongolia for the coast. Miss Palache reached the city as a passenger in the Korea.

DR. W. H. FRY, recently appointed superintendent in charge of the local Methodist missions, with Mrs. Fry and the Misses Kathleen and Margaret Fry, were arrivals at Honolulu this morning in the Pacific Mail liner Korea.

DONG SONG LUNG and Wong Ngai Tong, commissioners representing the Chinese republic are proceeding to China to gather material for an extensive exhibit to be made at the Panama-Pacific exposition. They will be employed about six months on their mission.

J. BRACONIER, a painter of note, who has been identified with several large European studios, is a through

the best modern thought on the subject of education, and will not only be the means of bettering the conditions of those coming after us, but will bring us up to a level, educationally, with the states of the mainland.

Before closing this, may I ask how many of our citizens know the percentage of the graduates from the elementary schools that enter the high school? If you will look it up you will find that it is about nine. Does the elementary school fit a child for the struggle of life? Not once in a thousand times. Then what is to become of the other 91 per cent that does not attend the high school?

Let's have that vocational training brought to a head and kept there.

C. F. MERRILL.

HERE IS "SAPPER'S" ANSWER!

Fort Shafter, H. T.,
June 24, 1914.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,
Honolulu.

Sir:—We wish to acknowledge "Sapper's" letter, published in your issue of the 23rd instant, and to express our appreciation of the sentiment which prompted one who, while not one of the accommodated, expressed his gratitude for the courtesies extended.

No one but the initiated knows what it means to a horseman to loan his mount to an inexperienced rider.

But we did not expect expressions of gratitude, we are used to the public and its ways toward the military.

Like Sapper, the Marshal pro tem. were simply carrying out our orders, i. e. to lend our horses and assistance and did it to the best of our ability.

There was a certain novelty attached to the occasion, 'tis not often that we have a chance to entertain our fair neighbors.

Need we state that our sympathies accompanied Sapper on his perilous journey?

E. SIGNALS.

NOT THE VICTIMS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin:
Sir:—I wish to correct an article in your paper of June 24, which states:

"That an additional charge of gross cheat has been placed against Ferrage by McGregor Auto stand, etc."

I have not brought any charges of any kind against Ferrage and, moreover, no fire of mine has been sold by him. The Volcano people are the ones who were defrauded by Ferrage in the matter of the selling.

Yours truly,

D. P. MCGREGOR.

passenger to China and the Federated Malay states as a passenger in the Pacific Mail liner Korea. In returning by the way of India and Egypt he will secure a collection of sketches.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—D. L. CONKLING: I will be off soon for Washington on the territorial bond business.

—P. L. WEAVER: I still believe we should have some measure to better protect us from the flies.

—G. J. PETROCELLI: It's hard luck being a bridegroom and yet forced to go to sea. I may make one more round trip in the Korea before taking up life ashore on a Sonoma county ranch.

—DON GILMORE: We learn from San Francisco that a large delegation of tourists will avail themselves of an opportunity to visit the islands under the favorable conditions offered by the new Oceanic excursions. The Sierra from the coast is bringing down a large party.

—CAPTAIN A. W. NELSON: We spent 13 days riding at anchor off the little Chinese fortified town of Wosung, China, on the last visit to the far east. The Pacific Mail liner Korea was quarantined because of plague. At Nagasaki, Japan, every person on board the vessel from skipper to deck boy were compelled to take a bath.

THANKS STAR-BULLETIN.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin:
Sir:—I thank you for the write-up you gave in the Star-Bulletin for the coming meeting of the Associated Charities. It has been a real help.

Yours sincerely,

WM. SPENCER BOWEN,

Manager.

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TAX LEAGUE TO MEET AT YOUNG HOTEL TONIGHT

The Tax Equalization League of Hawaii is anticipating a large attendance at its meeting in the makai pavilion of the Young Hotel tonight. H. Gooding Field, municipal efficiency expert, will give an address on "Municipal Finances, Expenditures and Taxation," in which he will point out the need of the introduction of scientific methods in the handling of municipal affairs. Charles H. Merriam will follow with an address on "The Somers System of Taxation," which will, in large measure, be an answer to Mr. Field's address. Mr. Field will show the existing evil, while Mr. Merriam will point a cure.

As this is the meeting at which the charter of the league will be closed, it is believed that many who have signified a desire to become charter members will be present and affix their names to the charter.

The meeting commences at 7:30.

The alumni of St. Louis College will gather for their annual reunion in the old dining hall of the college tomorrow night. An elaborate evening of entertainment has been outlined by the committee in charge, and a "big time" is promised for the "old boys."

SHERIFF ROSE SAYS HE IS HANDICAPPED BY THE COMMISSION

Sheriff Charles Rose declared this morning that he is seriously handicapped in filling vacancies in the staff of foot and mounted police as well as in the detective department, because of the stand taken by members of the civil service commission in refusing to present him with a new list of eligibles from which he may select new officers.

"The attitude of the civil service commission is prejudicial to the satisfactory administration of the police department. We are badly handicapped because of a shortage of men on the force and, when the time comes for making appointments, the commission in a curt letter refuses to turn over to this office a new list of eligible candidates who are reported to have passed a satisfactory examination," said Rose.

The list that Sheriff Rose has at his disposal was furnished the department on June 3. Unless a new list is furnished the sheriff may be compelled to refer to the list of the former civil service commission.

John Roberts renewed his efforts today to get the custody of his minor child by having the circuit court set aside the order of guardianship by which the child's custody was awarded to his mother, Terry Roberts. Claudius McBride now represents the father in this fight which has been going on for a month, and asks that the decree of guardianship be set aside on the ground that the woman is not a resident of the territory.

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